

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 5(AA)

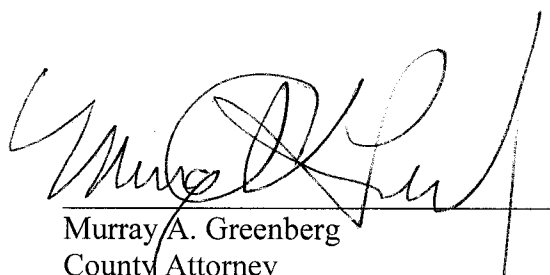
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 12, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution Codesignating
Entrance Road to Metro-Dade
Police Headquarters as Major
Fernando "Freddy" Mendez
Way

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☒ No committee review

Approved _____
Veto _____
Override _____

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09-12-06

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION CODESIGNATING THE
ENTRANCE ROAD TO METRO DADE POLICE
HEADQUARTERS FROM NW 25 STREET AS
MAJOR FERNANDO "FREDDY" MENDEZ
WAY

WHEREAS, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider codesignating the entrance road to Metro Dade Police Headquarters from NW 25th Street as Major Fernando "Freddy" Mendez Way; and

WHEREAS, Major Fernando Mendez was born in Cuba in 1946 and at the age of 12, he came to the United States during the freedom flights known as "Operation Pedro Pan"; and

WHEREAS, Major Fernando Mendez joined the United States Army and served our country honorably in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Major Fernando Mendez was hired in 1975 by the Miami-Dade Police Department and started his tour of duty in what was called "West District". Affectionately known as "Freddy" by his many friends, he worked as a robbery detective for several years and in the early 1980s became a sergeant in the Organized Crime Unit, which later became the Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CIB); and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at CIB, Major Mendez's efforts and leadership led to the creation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force, a multi-agency entity that served to thwart domestic and international acts of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Major Fernando Mendez's keen tact in the art of intelligence gathering proved to be essential during crucial periods such as the Mariel boatlift, the Iraqi War, the 1994 Summit of the Americas, the Elian Gonzalez crisis and numerous other special events; and

WHEREAS, Major Fernando Mendez was known for his charisma and his firm view of right from wrong. Throughout the extent of his illustrious career, his vision served the citizens of Miami-Dade County in a fine and honorable manner; and

WHEREAS, Major Fernando Mendez passed away on March 30, 2006, and is survived by his wife, Mercy Mendez, son, Miami-Dade Police Officer Michael Mendez of the Hammocks District and daughter Mercy Mendez; and

WHEREAS, this Board would like to honor the memory of Major Fernando Mendez with this codesignation; and

WHEREAS, this proposed codesignation is located in County Commission District 12,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board approves the codesignation to the entrance road to Metro Dade Police Headquarters from NW 25th Street as Major Fernando "Freddy" Mendez Way.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service, the Traffic Signals and Signs Division of the Public Works Department and Land Development Division of the Public Works Department, the Miami-Dade Police Department, and the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was second by Commissioner _____, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto


Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Giménez
Barbara J. Jordan
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 12th day of September. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency. 

Murray A. Greenberg

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